

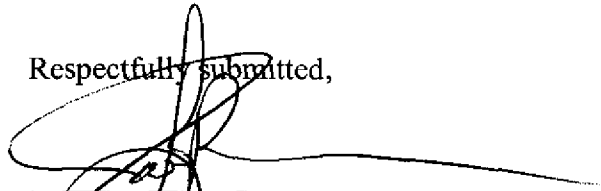
REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7 and 9 stand rejected under the doctrine of non-statutory double patenting in view of applicants' co-owned patent number 6,716,015.

A terminal disclaimer filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 may be used to overcome a rejection based upon non-statutory double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith. Accordingly, applicants believe that Claims 1-9 are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefor to deposit account No. 19-5117, if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to deposit account No. 19-5117.

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